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SUBJECT: BERTRAND DUFOURCQ, NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO
BRAZZAVILLE

1. BERTRAND DUFOURCQ, A CAREER DIPLOMAT, IS A 1961 GRADUATE OF THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION (ENA). HIS FIRST JOB WAS IN THE STATE SECRETARIAT CHARGED WITH ALGERIAN AFFAIRS (1961-1962), AFTER WHICH HE WAS AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN THE CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL BRANCH (1962-1964). HE WENT AS SECOND SECRETARY TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN TOKYO IN 1964 AND REMAINED THERE FOR THREE YEARS, RISING TO FIRST SECRETARY DURING THAT TIME. FOR ONE YEAR (1967-1968), HE WAS CHARGE DE MISSION IN THE CABINET OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND SPENT THE FOLLOWING YEAR ATTACHED TO THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. FROM 1969 TO 1972 HE WAS HEAD OF CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AFFAIRS AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, THEN RETURNED TO THE QUAI D'ORSAY WHERE HE BECAME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WESTERN EUROPE, A POST HE HAS HELD UNTIL HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENT. DUFOURCQ IS MARRIED AND HAS FOUR CHILDREN.

2. EMBOFFS HAVE FOUND DUFOURCQ HIGHLY INTELLIGENT, BROAD-GAUGED AND COMPETENT, QUALITIES WHICH HAVE HELPED HIS RAPID RISE. HE ALSO SHARES SOME OF THE LESS ADMIRABLE

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CHARACTERISTICS OF MANY ENARQUES, I.E., HE DOES NOT
SUFFER FOOLS GLADLY AND IS AT TIMES GIVEN TO CONCISENESS

BORDERING ON THE CURT. EVEN SO, DUFOURCQ IS A THOROUGH
PROFESSIONAL WHO HAS PROBABLY ONLY BEGUN AN IMPORTANT
QUAI CAREER. HE SHOULD PROVE A MOST USEFUL, IF
OCCASIONALLY TESTY, CONTACT FOR AMERICANS VISITING
BRAZZAVILLE.
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